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TAGS: MARR, VS, HUNGDELS

SUBJECT: ICCS: GAMES HUNGARIANS ARE PLAYING

REF: SAIGON 14588

1. HUNGDEL IS TAKING VERY AGGRESSIVE STANCE IN REGARD TO ICCS.

THIS HAS BECOME PARTICULARLY EVIDENT SINCE DEPARTURE OF CANDEL AT
END OF JULY AND MAY BE RELATED TO RETURN HOME IN AUGUST OF POLDEL
AMB WASILEWSKI, LEAVING RATHER WEAK ACTING CHAIRMAN, POLDEL, WHO
ASSUMED ICCS CHAIR SEPTEMBER 1.

2. MAIN FOCI OF HUNG POLITIK HAS BEEN ICCS BUDGET, ATTACK ON QTE
EVILS UNQTE COMMITTED BY CANDEL, WHO ARE NOT HERE TO DEFEND THEM-
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SELVES, AND REVISION OF PARIS ACCORDS TO LIMIT SIZE OF DELEGATIONS

ANS WITHDRAW TEAMS FROM SITES.

3. THIS POLICY WITHIN ICCS HAS BEEN OVERLAID WITH POSTURE OF GREAT CORDIALITY TO EMBOFFS, INCLUDING INVITATION TO QTE WORKING LUNCH UNQTE AND TO PRIVATE HUNGDEL BARBECUE, PROVISION OF COPIES ICCS MINUTES UNDER THE TABLE, APPARENT WILLINGNESS DISCLOSE SUBSTANCE OF TALKS IN HANOI AND WITH PRG.

4. MOST RECENT HUNGDEL ACTIVITIES WITHIN ICCS, HOWEVER ARE DISRUPTIVE IN CHARACTER, PERHAPS AIMED AT INTIMIDATING OR OTHERWISE INFLUENCING IRDEL ADVANCE PARTY. USING AIR AMERICA LETTER THREATENING CUT-OFF IN SERVICES SEPTEMBER 1 IF ENCOMBERED BANK ACCOUNT NOT REESTABLISHED AND REPLENISHED (REF SAIGON 14501), HUNG MILITARY CHIEF SZUCS WITHDREW TEAMS FROM FIVE SITES FRIDAY, AUGUST 31; SZUCS CLAIMED THESE SITES WERE NOT SUPPORTABLE EXCEPT BY AIR AND HE COULD NOT TAKE RISK OF LEAVING TEAM MEMBERS ISOLATED. TWO SITES WERE IN REGION SEVEN (REF CAN THO 0691), TWO IN REGION SIX, AND ONE IN REGION THREE. SZUCS TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 31 HE DIDN'T KNOW IF POLDEL WITHDREW, BUT INDODEL REMAINED, ACCORDING INDODEL. SZUCS SPRANG THIS SURPRISE AT MEETING OF MILITARY DELS WHICH IRDEL ATTENDED , EVEN THOUGH DIRGEN HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM AIR AMERICA THAT SERVICES WERE NOT BEING CURTAILED ON INSTRUCTIONS UUS HOME OFFICE. IRDEL PARTY ATTENDED MEETING AND DOUBTLESS IMPRESSED AS SZUCS HAD INTENDED.

5. HUNGDEL IS ALSO APPARENTLY TAKING INITIATIVE IN ATTEMPTING CANCEL OR REVISE ICCS MESSING CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATED ENTERPRISES (AE) ON GROUNDS AE RAISED PRICES WITHOUT APPROVAL MESSING COMMITTEE.

6. HUNGDEL BENEFITTED FROM RECEIVING COPY LATEST PRG LETTER (REF SAIGON 15854) ALONG WITH POLDEL BEFORE IT REACHED CHAIRMAN DHARSONO. SZUCS INTRODUCED THIS LETTER ALSO IN MILITARY CHIEFS MEETING, LEAVING INDODEL (IN CHAIR) MUCH AT A LOSS SINCE THEY NOT PREPARED TO TAKE A POSITION ON IT.

7. HUNGDEL IS PUSHING HARD ON THE IRANIANS IN OTHER WAYS. URANOVICZ COVERED THIS NICELY BY ASKING IF US IN TEHRAN OR SAIGON HAD SUGGESTED IRDEL ADVANCE PARTY QTE SEEK OUT UNQTE HUNGDEL FOR QTE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP UNQTE AND PRIVATE BRIEFINGS.

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8. FROM COMMENTS URANOVICZ AND AMB ESZTERGALYOS HAVE MADE EARLIER TO EMBOFFS, HUNGDEL PRIDING ITSELF ON RAPPORT IN HANOI AND WITH PRG. ESZTERGALYOS SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT NO ONE AT ICCS WAS TRYING HARDER THAN HE TO ESTABLISH GOOD CONTACTS AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PRG; HE ADMITTED ALMOST INCIDENTALLY THAT MANY OF HIS EFFORTS HAD NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE. AT THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR HUNGDEL IS PUSHING DRV-PRG VIEWS ON CHANGE AND AMENDMENT OF PARIS AGREEMENTS MUCH HARDER THAN POLDEL.

9. POLDEL ITSELF NOT SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO STAND UP AGAINST HUNGDEL.
IN ADDITION TO WEAKNESS OF ACTING CHIEF REPORTED EARLIER, CIVILIAN-
MILITARY FRICTIONS CONTINUE WITHIN DEL, WHILE HUNGDEL ACTING AS
TEAM.
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